

Application No. 09/786,435  
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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting the biological activity of transforming growth factor  $\beta$  on predamaged damaged neurons in cerebral disorders, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a patient having predamaged damaged neurons, said damaged neurons resulting from a cerebral disorder, wherein said cerebral disorder is not intentionally induced; and

treating said predamaged damaged neurons in said patient with a compound that inhibits the biological activity of TGF- $\beta$  on said predamaged damaged neurons.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, in pharmaceutically effective amounts, a first compound ~~capable of~~ substantially inhibiting the biological activity of TGF- $\beta$  on predamaged damaged neurons caused by cerebral disorders, wherein said cerebral disorder is not intentionally induced, and a second compound for disintegrating blood clots, wherein said first and second compounds are formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.